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**Message:**

Enclosed please find the Response to Final Office Action dated May 20, 2005.

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For: **Slurry-Less Polishing for Removal of  
Excess Interconnect Material During  
Fabrication of a Silicon Integrated  
Circuit**

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

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